UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK DOC #:

IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER SITE LITIGATION

OPINION DISCUSSING
METHODOLOGY FOR
DISCOVERY AND TRIALS OF
SAMPLE CASES

21 MC 100 (AKH)

ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, U.S.D.J.:

In the months following September 11, 2001, thousands of workers participated in New York City's effort to clean up the vast destruction caused by terrorists. The airplane crashes and explosions at the World Trade Center left acres of twisted metal and crumbled concrete. Noxious dust blanketed the rubble and hung in the air for weeks, producing an acrid smell throughout downtown Manhattan. Those who helped in the search and rescue operations, and in the effort to clear the mountains of debris, had to breathe this air as they worked. According to the allegations, protective masks, when worn, filtered this air in varying degrees.

Overlapping government agencies managed the workers, as did private contractors engaged by the City's Department of Design and Construction. Nine thousand and ninety of these workers have filed suits in this court claiming various respiratory injuries and cancers resulting from their exposures to worksite contaminants.¹ They claim inadequate safety procedures and supervision.

¹ The number, 9,090, reflects the current count, eliminating duplication and transfers to other dockets. The larger number previously represented was approximately 10,500.

I. Procedural History

Most of the cases were initiated in the New York Supreme Court and then removed to this court. They were assigned to me as related to docket 21 MC 97, which contained September 11th wrongful death actions that I had grouped into one coordinated proceeding. I denied class status because of the variety of illnesses alleged by the plaintiffs, the varying severity of their illnesses, the transient nature of the worksites, the varying levels of supervision governing plaintiffs' work, the variety of defendants, and the complexity of determining and evaluating pre-existing medical conditions. See

I organized the cases into their own master docket, 21 MC 100, and considered the issue of jurisdiction. The aggregate demands of the lawsuits – those already filed and the hundreds more that were expected – promised far to exceed the maximum liability set by the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act ("ATSSSA"), 49 U.S.C. § 40101. ATSSSA capped liability at \$350 million or the City's insurance protection, whichever was larger. The latter, at the time, seemed not to exist.

I ruled, in an extensive opinion, that claims arising from the search and rescue operations, extending for two weeks after September 11th, arose from the terrorist-related aircraft crashes and were subject to the district court's exclusive jurisdiction.

However, claims arising from work and exposures thereafter were much more akin to the activities and risks of construction worksites and to issues addressed by the New York Labor Law, on which the New York Supreme Court had developed a century of expertise. Accordingly, I remanded these later claims to that court. Hickey v. City of

New York, 270 F. Supp. 2d 357 (S.D.N.Y. 2003).² An appeal followed and, after lengthy consideration, the Court of Appeals ruled that all the cases were to be considered subject to the district court's exclusive jurisdiction. McNally v. Port Auth., 414 F.3d 352 (2d Cir. 2005). See Robin J. Effron, Event Jurisdiction and Protective Coordination: Lessons from the September 11th Litigation, 81 S. Cal. L. Rev. 199 (2008).

Following remand of the cases to me, I turned to their organization. I appointed Liaison Counsel for plaintiffs and for defendants. Case Management Order No. 2 (Feb. 7, 2005). At plaintiffs' request, I ordered master pleadings to be filed that alleged the issues common to all plaintiffs. Case Management Order No. 4 (May 12, 2005); see Master Complaint (Sept. 16, 2005). And, I ordered the parties to file short form complaints. Case Management Order No. 4 (May 12, 2005). These complaints were intended to set out where, when, and for which contractors plaintiffs worked, as well as the causes of their injuries and the defendants' alleged faults.

At the same time, defendants sought to advance their defense that the City and the contractors enjoyed immunity arising from federal and New York State laws. Both sides considered that the prospective substantial litigation expense made it important to clarify the reach and efficacy of this defense at an early time. I ordered discovery on limited issues relevant to the defense. The same discovery also would be relevant to defining the relationships between plaintiffs and the scores of defendant contractors, between defendant contractors and the City, and among the City, the State, and federal agencies that were active at the World Trade Center worksite.

² I had held previously that traditional workplace injuries similarly were to be remanded. <u>Graybill v. City of New York</u>, 247 F. Supp. 2d 345 (S.D.N.Y. 2002); <u>Spagnuolo v. City of New York</u>, 245 F. Supp. 2d 518 (S.D.N.Y. 2002).

The parties pursued discovery to satisfy both objectives with mixed success. The pleadings were conclusory in their allegations and impossible to understand in relation to essential facts and issues. Remonstrations at conferences and rulings on motions did not seem to advance matters. See, e.g., Transcript of Status Conference at 31-32 (May 13, 2005); Order Regulating Limited Discovery (June 15, 2005). As happens with discovery confined to limited issues, it proved difficult to define boundaries. Finally, however, defendants made their motions, and I denied the motions in a lengthy opinion, ruling that the issue of immunity hinged on controverted facts. Opinion Denying and Granting Motions for Judgment on the Pleadings and for Summary Judgment (Oct. 17, 2006). I denied defendants' motion that my order was eligible for immediate review or, alternatively, for certification for interlocutory review, Opinion and Order Denying Motion for Interlocutory Appeal and Asserting Continuing Jurisdiction (Jan. 8, 2007), but the Court of Appeals ruled that the appeal could nevertheless be pursued because rulings on immunity sufficiently satisfied an exception for final decisions on severable issues. 469 F. Supp. 2d 134 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), rev'd, McCue v. City of New York, 503 F.3d 167 (2d Cir. 2007). The Court of Appeals also granted a stay of all proceedings on March 9, 2007, causing a complete stand-still until March 26, 2008, when the stay was dissolved. The Court of Appeals then affirmed my decision. McCue v. City of New York, 521 F.3d 169 (2d Cir. 2008).

II. The Litigation's Complexities

During the lengthy stay, I considered how these cases should progress were they to be remanded. There were few precedents, perhaps none. These are not typical mass tort claims in which a single product or event injures the victims in a

relatively similar way. Here, the victims were injured over a protracted period of time — days, weeks, and months, varying with the hours and dates particular plaintiffs worked in the widespread area (sixteen acres) constituting the World Trade Center site. Case Management Order No. 3 (Feb. 7, 2005) (defining World Trade Center site). The exposure to the environment had different medical effects on different individuals. The environment itself varied from one worksite area to another depending on which toxic materials prevailed at which place and time. In aggregate, plaintiffs allege hundreds of different diseases from working among the debris, each of different severity and effects.

The complexity in sorting the plaintiffs' claims is matched by the complex interplay of defendants. Many governmental agencies and scores of contractors were responsible for the World Trade Center work, in varying degrees and with varying overlap. The contractor defendants were engaged in different ways, by different prime contractors, and were supervised and guided by different layers of government agencies. Nor is responsibility clear, for some defendants may be covered by various immunities under federal or state laws and, if found liable, may enjoy a congressional liability cap. Because of such a cap, I would have to carefully administer all settlements and judgments since each plaintiff's recovery would diminish the next plaintiff's potential recovery.

The insurance coverage issues provide additional complexities. Related proceedings clarified the City's insurance coverage and were beginning to disclose the coverage of private contractors. My early concern, that ATSSSA's \$350 million liability cap would mean partial and inadequate satisfaction for vast numbers of claimants, had become academic. § 408(a)(3), 49 U.S.C. § 40101. New York City, in fact, is covered by several layers of private coverage, amounting to approximately \$75 million, in excess

of the costs of defense, and one billion dollars of coverage through a captive insurance company funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. See WTC Captive Ins., Inc. v. Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Co., 549 F. Supp. 2d 555, 557-58 (S.D.N.Y. 2008), appeal docketed, No. 08-2787 (2d Cir. June 5, 2008). And, beyond that, the private contractors have their own insurance to an extent not yet known.

It would be difficult, perhaps impossible, to obtain and sort all this insurance information in conventional discovery proceedings relating to more than 9,000 cases. While all might have a claim, of possible and varying merit, against the City, it would be necessary to match specific claims of plaintiffs against specific contractors, and to evaluate such claims in relation to different and varying layers of primary, excess, and reinsurance agreements and exclusions.

Finally, all that I and the parties do must be done with an eye towards public accountability. The September 11th litigation stems from an unprecedented national tragedy that impacted New York City, the State, and the Nation in long-lasting ways. The resolutions of these cases must depend on careful and individual evaluations of personal injury and merits in a manner that allows the public to view and understand the results.

III. Court-Ordered Discovery and Special Masters

The inability of counsel to style useful pleadings, or to proceed with discovery relevant to the immunity defenses without excessive and wasteful disputes, made it necessary to develop an alternative manner of proceeding. See, e.g., Transcript of Status Conference at 23-26 (Nov. 3, 2006). Normal discovery to advance 9,090 cases against more than 200 defendants is not possible. But neither is it tolerable to neglect

these cases, nor to postpone recoveries for years, nor to allow attorneys motivated in part by their own economics to dictate which cases advance and how. There must be criteria developed to select cases meriting early treatment and capable of serving as models for the rest. Case Management Order No. 8, as amended, sets out a protocol that reflects such criteria. It provides a procedure for selecting appropriate cases for intensive pretrial discovery, motions, and trials on specific dates. I now set out the efforts leading to this order.

I believed that the parties and I needed core discovery to provide the fundamental facts of the cases, the varying responsibilities of government agencies and contractors, and the complex layers of insurance coverage. I required Special Masters, skilled and impartial, to help me devise such discovery, and to develop computer systems to collect the information and make it accessible.

Following the return of the case to my jurisdiction, after the Court of Appeals dissolved its stay, and after vetting the issue with the lawyers, I appointed Professors James A. Henderson, Jr. of Cornell Law School and Aaron D. Twerski of Brooklyn Law School as Special Masters. Memorandum and Order Appointing Special Masters (Dec. 12, 2006). Professors Henderson and Twerski are distinguished scholars, neutral in relation to the issues of the litigation.³ Given the assistance of computer experts engaged through competitive bidding, they have the experience and capability to

³ Professors Henderson and Twerski are the co-authors of the leading treatise <u>Products Liability: Problems and Process</u> (4th ed. 2000) and co-reporters for the RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW (THIRD) TORTS: PRODUCTS LIABILITY. Professor Henderson, Cornell Law School's Frank B. Ingersoll Professor of Law, and Professor Twerski, Brooklyn Law School's Irwin and Jill Cohen Professor of Law, have also together and individually published articles in the nations leading law journals, including the <u>Yale Law Journal</u> and Columbia Law Review.

structure and oversee the required exchange of information between the parties and the collection of that information in an efficient and accessible database.

Working with the lawyers, the Special Masters have developed the structure for creating a large database for the litigation. The parties will be required to answer under oath approximately 360 narrowly-tailored questions seeking case-crucial data for each plaintiff: pedigree information, medical history, tobacco use, alleged injuries, medical tests, diagnoses, symptoms, treatments, and any worker's compensation filings and recoveries. Each plaintiff and each defendant will have to detail the hours plaintiffs worked and for which employers, in addition to the safety warnings given, the safety training provided, and the safety precautions taken. Each defendant will disclose his insurance and indemnity protection. The database should promote success because it requires greater detail and specificity than prior efforts at core discovery, operates in a more sophisticated medium, and limits the responses to certain key questions to a list of permissible answers (called a "pick list"). See Transcript of Status Conference at 5 (Sept. 16, 2008).

A. Traditional Discovery and Trials as Enforcement Mechanisms

The database should provide an enormous amount of relevant discovery information in a functional format. But the information, to be provided by each party, could be self-serving, and needs to be tested for integrity and reliability. While conventional discovery and trials are a court's traditional tools in this regard, there were

⁴ A previous effort did not succeed. I had ordered each plaintiff to provide details of when and where the plaintiff worked, the injuries the plaintiff claimed, and other basic information. Each defendant was required to supply particulars of its insurance coverage, describe the work it performed, and name subcontractors and employees it engaged. See Case Management Order No. 4 (May 12, 2005). However, conclusory answers and numerous objections frustrated the effort.

⁵ I have attached a print-out of the database (Attachment 1).

too many cases to proceed in a traditional manner. Select cases would have to be chosen for discovery and trial.

Deciding which cases adequately represent the field would be difficult. How could information from hundreds of doctors' reports and thousands of examinations be studied for prior conditions and severity of current illnesses? How could one sort the conditions of scores of workplaces and intersecting levels of supervision? Solving such problems – indeed, even enumerating all possible issues – threatened to overwhelm progress. It was critical to establish a set of priorities, and allow those priorities to determine how to proceed.

The first priority was to tend to the most severely injured plaintiffs. Their cases deserved to be tried first, for if they were to prevail, they had the greatest need for a monetary recovery. The second priority was to create a methodology for sampling in relation to the general run of cases, severe, mild, and everything between, in order that rulings on liability, damages, and responsibility might be extended from the particular case in which rulings are made to the rest of the cases. Every case had to be considered as important, for each plaintiff and each defendant deserved rulings on particular merits.

B. Determining the Most Severely Injured

Determining who are the most severely injured is not a straightforward task. The 9,090 plaintiffs, in the aggregate, claim approximately 387 diseases ranging from the most life-threatening to the merely irritating. Some plaintiffs have very mild cases of serious diseases while others have very severe cases of less serious diseases. Even permitting trials of only the most severe cases of each disease could mean hundreds of trials, still too many to administer in a reasonable period of time.

To proceed, the Special Masters, in cooperation with Liason Counsel, looked to a diagnostic system established by the American Medical Association and the American Thoracic Society. The system ranks the severity of an individual's illness among the population suffering from that illness by grading that person's condition from 0 (least severe) through 4 (most severe). The rank corresponds to recorded outcomes of standard medical tests taken by the plaintiff, typically measuring the degree of dysfunction associated with the disease. In consultation with Liason Counsel, the Special Masters selected six major disease categories that subsumed the generality of illnesses.⁶ Although the rankings are specific to each disease category, and severity cannot easily be evaluated across the different categories, the medical criteria do allow a neutral observer to identify a set of the most severely ill in each of the six disease categories.⁷ Final selections from this set can be made after considering additional limited criteria considered relevant, for example, plaintiff's length of exposure to hazardous worksite conditions or plaintiff's pre-existing medical conditions.

IV. The Resulting Order

The court proposed and approved Case Management Order No. 8 with modifications suggested by the parties. The amended Order, issued today and attached herein, implements these criteria.

⁶ The AMA uses additional criteria when determining diagnoses, but these tests compose much of the objective component used in diagnosing. For two diseases the parties agreed on objective criteria partially derived from AMA ratings and other sources. See Attachment 5 (Severity Chart for Interstitial Lung Disease and Upper Digestive Tract Diseases, e.g., Gastroesophageal reflux disease, Barrett's Esophagus, Gastritis, Esophagitis, and GI stricture).

⁷ The database allows for those who have not yet taken the required test, but those plaintiffs will not be eligible to be selected as one of the 200 cases ranked most severe.

- 1. The 9,090 cases are to be divided into five groups of 2,000 cases, according to their filing sequence. Every forty days, one such group of plaintiffs is to populate a subset of the data fields, specifically fields eliciting each plaintiff's disease rankings, the duration of exposure at the World Trade Center, and any pre-existing disorders.
- The Special Masters, within ten days following, will identify 200 cases
 categorized as severe. From these 200, plaintiffs and defendants will each
 choose two cases.
- The Special Masters also will select twenty-five additional cases for diseases not necessarily included in the severity chart.
- 4. From this pool of 225 cases, I (with the assistance of the Special Masters) will select two cases, additional to the four selected by plaintiffs and defendants.
- 5. The six cases thus identified, from the field of 2,000, will proceed through full pre-trial discovery, to be completed within a set period of time (ranging from 270 days for some of the cases in the first field of 2,000 to 190 days for cases in the fifth field), followed by motions, followed by trial (if dismissal motions are not successful).
- 6. Thirty cases will be set for trial, six from each field of 2,000. Despite the sequential process in which these cases will be selected, all trials will begin on a fixed date May 17, 2010. If one case is resolved, later-filed cases will be

⁸ The fifth group will contain the remainder of the cases, beyond 8,000, including any after-filed cases. Plaintiffs may file cases within three years of the time plaintiff discovers, or reasonably should have discovered, the injury, whichever is earlier, even though their cause of action accrues upon ingestion or aspiration of the polluting substance. N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 214-c(2) (McKinney 2000).

- tried instead. If more than one case for trial remains, other judges may be asked to preside over them, or they may be reached in sequence.
- 7. Thus, a resolution is in sight for the most severe cases and for representative cases. And one can expect that many of these cases, and many others, will settle either in anticipation of firm trial dates or aided by values gleaned from trials or settlements.⁹

The procedures outlined above were intended swiftly to identify a representative few cases for discovery of all issues and early trials. But the entire field of 2,000 could not be neglected. It was necessary to develop information relevant to all the cases, for otherwise the parties could not share key knowledge about the field of cases, or intelligently discuss the degree to which the cases identified for discovery and trial were representative. Two additional procedures provided for the full field:

8. The parties are required to populate the entire database for each of the 2,000 cases in the group, according to a fixed schedule. Forty days after the Special Masters choose the 225 cases, the parties are to populate the entire database for these cases. On the same day they select the 225 cases, the Special Masters will identify 400 additional cases (chosen at random) from that group of 2,000. The parties must fully populate the database for these 400 cases 120 days later. Every forty days, this process is repeated for the next group of 2,000 cases. By November 27, 2009, the parties will have fully populated the

⁹ This was the experience in the wrongful death actions brought by passengers and crew in the four hijacked airplanes. Setting fixed trial dates for issues of damages and reserving liability issues for a later time resulted in a large number of settlements, without the need of any trials. At present, ninety-three of the original ninety-six claimants have settled, leaving but three for completion of discovery and trial. I ordered the master docket, 21 MC 97, closed and transferred the remaining cases to 21 MC 101, the collection of property damage cases against the aviation defendants. See In re September 11 Litig., 567 F. Supp. 2d 611, 616-17 (S.D.N.Y. 2008).

entire database for 3,125 cases, taken from all five groups (5 multiplied by 625). Finally, the parties will populate the database for each of the 1,375 cases in every group that were not selected as part of the 225-case subgroup or the 400-case subgroup. By January 1, 2011, the entire database for each filed case will be populated.

9. From each group of 400 randomly selected cases, each party will choose two cases, and I (with the Special Masters' assistance) will select an additional two. These cases will proceed with pre-trial discovery along with the selected "severe" cases. However, trial dates will not be set for these cases, at least not until we know the outcome of the schedule for the "severe" cases.

I recognize that the methodology of Case Management Order No. 8 is extraordinarily complex. It needed to be so because of the number and variety of cases, and to create a consensual agreement for going forward. I recognize also that complexity creates an artificial rigidity that needs adjustment. As further orders may be necessary, they will be made. But the trial and motion schedules will remain firm.¹⁰

V. Rationale of Case Management Order No. 8

The plan involves three stratagems to bring the thousands of cases before me to resolution. First, since the claims of those most gravely injured commend themselves to highest priority, the plan provides a procedure to identify these cases, a methodology to select a representative sample for full discovery and early trial, and a firm and intensive schedule to begin trials. Full discovery on all issues will assure the

¹⁰ I have attached to this decision the amended Case Management Order No. 8 (Attachment 2), its accompanying schedule (Attachment 3), the Severity Chart which parties must complete prior to responding to certain database fields (Attachment 4), and the Severity Chart's introductory language which was agreed upon by the parties (Attachment 5).

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integrity of each side's disclosures in the database and a thorough testing of all claims

and defenses. A basis for settlement, or valuation by trial, should promote prompt

resolution of all such severe cases.

Second, the full population of the database of all remaining cases, first by

sample and then in full, enables values to be negotiated for all cases.

Third, the combination of court-established interrogatories for the

database and traditional, broad discovery in selected cases will allow the parties

vigorously to test their opponents' claims, assuring the integrity and reliability of the

parties' disclosures and establishing a procedure that can promote broad resolutions of

cases in a fair, efficient, and just manner.

VI. Conclusion

No general plan for over 9,000 cases can be so wise as to be immutable, or

so clever as to foresee all possibilities. However, Case Management Order No. 8 was

forged with the experience of earlier failures and frustrations, and with full and intensive

cooperation of Special Masters and plaintiffs' and defendants' counsel. It establishes a

flexible, fair, and efficient plan to move these cases through discovery and to trial in

reasonable time. It remains for the parties to act consistently with its provisions to bring

about just such results.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

February 2, 2009 New York, New York

United States District Judge

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ATTACHMENT 1

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Plaintiff	Date(s)	What were PE's dates of employment for each previous employer?	60
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89	On what dates did PE wear respirator(s) in connection with WTC work?	Date	Plaintiff
90	Did PE receive respirator training from any source in connection with WTC work?	Yes/No	Plaintiff
91	On what dates did PE receive respirator training at WTC site?	Text	Plaintiff
92	Which individual(s) or entity(s) provided PE with respirator training at WTC site?	Pick list	Plaintiff
93	PPE (OTHER THAN RESPIRATORS) AVAILABLE TO/RECEIVED BY PE AT WTC		
94	Did PE receive PPE (other than respirators) in connection with WTC work?	Yes/No	Plaintiff
95	What type(s) of PPE (other than respirators) did PE receive in connection with WTC work?	Pick list	Plaintiff
96	On what date(s) did PE receive PPE (other than respirators) at WTC site?	Date(s)	Plaintiff
97	On what date(s) did PE wear PPE (other than respirators) in connection with WTC work? Date(s)	Date(s)	Plaintiff
98	Did PE receive PPE (other than respirator) training at WTC site?	Yes/No	Plaintiff
99	On what dates did PE receive PPE (other than respirator) training at WTC site?	Date(s)	Plaintiff
100	Which individual(s) or entity(s) provided PE with PPE (other than respiratory) training at	Pick List	Plaintiff
101	PRIOR RESPIRATOR EXPERIENCE		
102	Did PE ever use a respirator prior to 9/11?	Yes/No	Plaintiff
103	Did PE ever receive respirator training from any source prior to 9/11?	Yes/No	Plaintiff
104	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING		
105	Did PE receive environmental health and safety training regarding PPE in connection with WTC work?	Yes/No	Plaintiff
106	On what date(s) did PE receive environmental health and safety training in connection with WTC work?	Date(s)	Plaintiff
107	What individual(s) or entity(s) provided environmental health and safety training to PE?	Pick list	Plaintiff
108	Did PE receive training certificate(s)/certification(s) for environmental health and safety training received while working at WTC site?	Yes/No	Plaintiff
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Plaintiff	Yes/No	Were medications prescribed to treat PE's pre-existing (1995 to 9/11/01) disorder(s),	118
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Plaintiff	Date(s)	If so, on what date(s) did PE's pre-existing (1995 to 9/11/01) disorder(s), disease(s), or	115
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		anatomical abnormality(s) does or did PE suffer?	-
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Plaintiff	Text	What Is treating physician's address?	147
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Plaintiff	Date(s)	If so, on what date(s) did such emergency-room visit(s) and/or hospitalization(s) occur?	141
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Did PE experience an emergency room visit(s) and/or hospitalization(s) related to diagnosed condition?	140
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Was a medical, social, and occupational history taken as part of diagnostic test?	139
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Was a physical exam conducted as part of diagnostic process?	138
Plaintiff	Pick list	What was the profession/specialty of diagnosing professional(s)/entity(s)?	137
Plaintiff	Text	Which professional(s)/entity(s) made the diagnosis?	136
Plaintiff	Date	On what date(s) was PE's condition(s)/injury(s)/disease(s) diagnosed?	135
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Plaintiff	Date(s)	If so, on what date(s) did PE file workers' compensation claim(s)?	130
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Did PE file any workers' compensation claim(s) in relation to WTC work?	129
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Did PE file any workers' compensation claim(s) from 1995 to 9/11/01? (Only if related to injury of type for which recovery is sought in this litigation and present at time of 9/11.)	128
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Plaintiff	Pick list	What type(s) of diagnostic test(s) did PE undergo?	157
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Have diagnostic tests been undergone by PE (1995 to 9/11/01) in connection with any condition of the sort for which PE seeks to recover in this litigation? Respiratory, MRI, Blood, Urine, Sleep Studies, X-Rays, etc.) (Separate response for each test). (For those diagnostic tests with voluminous and significant test values (i.e. PFTs), there will be separate data fields. See below.)	156
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Plaintiff	Text	What medical entity/individual conducted PE's Methacholine Challenge Test?	204
Plaintiff	Numeric	How many days prior to Methacholine Challenge did PE use bronchodilator?	203
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Plaintiff	Pick list	What were the test results for PE's Methacholine Test?	201
Plaintiff	Date(s)	On what date(s) did PE undergo a Methacholine Test?	200
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Did PE undergo a Methacholine Challenge Test (1995 to Present)?	199
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Plaintiff	Numeric	What was PE's FEV1/FVC ratio?	179
Plaintiff	Numeric	What was PE's FEV1% predicted?	178
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Plaintiff	Pick list	What type(s) of collateral payment(s) has PE received related to WTC work and/or alleged injury?	227
Plaintiff	Yes/No	al payment(s) related to WTC work and/or alleged injury(s) nment, VCF, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security)?	226
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Plaintiff	Pick list	What medication(s) was prescribed for PE from 1995 to date?	219
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		previous impairment? (See subpart (b) of Part II of Chart Two.)	
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Plaintiff	Yes/No	Does PE seek to recover for a partially-resolved impairment under Part II of Chart Two of Yes/No	212
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Plaintiff	Pick List	If so, for which previous impairment(s) identified in Chart One does PE seek to recover? Pick List	210
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Plaintiff	Currency	How much, in total, did PE receive under the workers compensation claim(s)?	249
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Plaintiff	Yes/No	Did PE file workers compensation claim(s) related to the collapse of the WTC?	246
Plaintiff	Currency	What was the total amount paid for such services by PE's health insurance carrier?	245
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Did PE receive medical service(s) related to PE's work at the WTC site that was paid for	244
Plaintiff	Pick list	rked at the	243
		DF'S HEALTH INSURANCE/WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	242
Defendants	Yes/No	Is DF still engaged in business?	241
Defendants	Open Text	What is the address of the DF's headquarters?	240
Defendants	Open Text	By what other name(s) is DF known?	239
Defendants	Open Text		238
Defendants	Open Text	ent?	237
Defendants	Open Text	Where is DF's principal executive office?	236
Plaintiff	Pick list	Name of the defendant (DF) upon whom this record focuses. [cf. field #7.]	235
		DEFENDANT IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	234
		sources related to WTC work or alleged injuries?	
Plaintiff	Currency	What is the total amount of payment(s) that PE has received to date from all collateral	233
		WTC work or alleged injuries?	
Plaintiff	Currency	What is the yearly amount(s) that PE has received from all collateral sources related to	232
		injury(s)?	
Plaintiff	Pick list	What is the reason(s) for PE receiving benefit(s) related to WTC work and/or alleged	231
		injuries?	
Plaintiff	Pick list	What has been the disposition of PE's claim(s) related to WTC work and/or alleged	230
Piaintiff	lext	WTC work and/or alleged injury?	67.7
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253	How many times did DF stop any work related to the collapse of the WTC for safety	Numeric	Defendants
	and/or health concerns of any workers?		

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Defendants	Pick List	What were the results of PE's "exit medical" examination(s)?	278
Defendants	Pick list	Who was the medical provider who performed such "exit medical" examination(s)?	277
Both	Date		276
Both	Yes/No	Did the PE undergo an "exit medical" exam?	275
Both	Date(s)	On what date(s) was the "entry medical" examination(s) performed on PE?	274
Defendants	Pick List	e WTC site?	273
Both	Yes/No	Did PE undergo an "entry medical" exam prior to working at WTC site?	272
Defendants	Pick list	What were the results of the PE's "entry medical" examination?	271
Both	Yes/No	Did PE undergo an "entry medical" examination prior to employment?	270
Defendants	Pick list	Who is the medical provider performing such "entry medical" examinations?	269
Defendants	Yes/No	employment?	268
			267
Defendants	Yes/No	Do DF's employee files contain any medical records?	266
Defendants	Yes/No	Do DF's employee files contain results of employees' medical evaluations?	265
Defendants	Yes/No	Does DF maintain employee files?	264
		DEFENDANT'S EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES	263
		related to the collapse of the WTC?	
Defendants	Yes/No	Did any of DF's employees complete an environmental exposure incident report for work Yes/No	262
		related to the collapse of the WTC?	
Defendants	Pick List	Who conducted the health and safety meeting(s) that DF's employees attended for work  Pick List	261
		to the collapse of the WTC?	
Defendants	Pick List	On what date(s) did DF's employees attend health and safety meeting(s) for work related Pick List	260
Defendants	Yes/No	Did any of DF's employees attend health and safety meeting(s) for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	259
		site?	
Defendants	Date(s)	On what dates were DF's employees told to wear respirators for work related to the WTC Date(s)	258
Defendants	Yes/No	Were DF's employees told to wear respirators for work related to the WTC site?	257
Derendants	lext	Why was DF's work related to the collapse of the WTC stopped for health or safety reasons?	256
Defendants	Date(s)	On what date(s) was DF's work related to the collapse of the WTC stopped for health or	255
		than DF for health or safety concerns?	9
Defendants	Yes/No	Was any of DF's work related to the collapse of the WTC stopped by someone other	254
Defendants	Numeric	How many times did DF stop any work related to the collapse of the WTC for safety	253
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279	DF'S HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES		
280	Did DF provide any type of Safety and Health training to employees generally after 9/11/01?	Yes/No	Defendants
281	What type of Safety and Health training did DF provide employees generally after 9/11/01?	Pick List	Defendants
282	Did DF have a respiratory protection compliance program after 9/11/01?	Yes/No	Defendants
283	Did DF inform its employees after 9/11/01 about environmental hazards by any form of material data safety sheets and/or employee training?	Yes/No	Defendants
284	Did DF have a PPE compliance program after 9/11/01?	Yes/No	Defendants
285	INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENTS (Defendants understand that to the extent that responses to fields 285-311 go beyond reporting factual events, circumstances or other data they should not be construed as binding admissions as to any legal position and/or conclusion. Further, Defendants preserve all of their rights and arguments with respect to any disputes concerning erroneous denials of coverage, or with respect to any other litigation, and shall not be limited in argument by responses to fields 285-311 that go beyond reporting factual events, circumstances or other data.)		
286	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to indemnify the City of New York?	Yes/No	Defendants
287	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to indemnify the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey?	Yes/No	Defendants
288	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to indemnify Bovis Lend Lease?	Yes/No	Defendants
289	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to indemnify Tully Construction?	Yes/No	Defendants
290	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to indemnify Turner/Plaza?	Yes/No	Defendants
291	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to indemnify AMEC Construction?	Yes/No	Defendants
292	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to defend the City of New York?	Yes/No	Defendants

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Defendants	Open Text	What were the terms of/parties to any oral agreements regarding indemnification?	308
Defendants	Open Text	What were the terms of any oral agreement for indemnification where defendant agreed to perform work that related to worker and site health and safety?	307
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require an entity to name DF as an additional insured?	306
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require an entity to defend DF?	305
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require an entity to indemnify DF?	304
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to name AMEC Construction as an additional insured?	303
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to name Turner/Plaza as an additional insured?	302
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to name Tully Construction Yes/No as an additional insured?	301
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to name Bovis Lend Lease Yes/No as an additional insured?	300
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to name the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as an additional insured?	299
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to name the City of New York as an additional insured?	298
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to defend AMEC Construction?	297
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to defend Turner/Plaza?	296
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to defend Tully Construction?	295
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to defend Bovis Lend Lease?	294
Defendants	Yes/No	Was there a contract (written or oral) purporting to require DF to defend the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey?	293
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Defendants	Yes/No	Was/were there claims made against this policy with respect to plaintiffs in this litigation? Yes/No	322
Defendants	Date - Date	If policy is claims-made, what is the prior acts date and/or retroactive date?	321
Defendants	Pick list	Are the policies claims-made or occurrence based?	320
Defendants	Numeric	What are the remaining policy limits?	319
Defendants	Numeric	What are the initial policy limits set out in the policy?	318
Defendants	Open Text	What are the Insurance Policy Number(s)?	317
Defendants	Pick list	Who is/are the Insurance Carrier(s) who wrote the policy?	316
Defendants	Date - Date	For each type of insurance identified above, identify the potentially applicable policy periods.	315
Defendants	Pick list	What type of insurance, other than the WTC Captive or OCIP, may be available or claimed to be available to cover any liabilities DF may incur in this litigation?	314
Defendants	Yes/No	Is there any insurance that may be available or claimed to be available, other than the WTC Captive or OCIP, to cover any liabilities that DF may incur in this litigation?	313
		INSURANCE INFORMATION (Defendants understand that to the extent that responses to fields 312-328 go beyond reporting factual events, circumstances or other data they should not be construed as binding admissions as to any legal position and/or conclusion. Further, Defendants preserve all of their rights and arguments with respect to any disputes concerning erroneous denials of coverage, or with respect to any other litigation, and shall not be limited in argument by responses to fields 312-328 that go beyond reporting factual events, circumstances or other data.)	312
Defendants	Date(s)	On what date(s) was (were) such agreements entered into?	311
Defendants	Open Text	What were the terms of/parties to any oral agreements to name one of the above listed entities as an additional insured?	310
Defendants	Open Text	What were the terms of/parties to any oral agreements to defend?	309
Who Populates	Data Type	Data Element	Field#

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Defendants	Yes/No	to its WTC employees?	343
Defendants	Date(s)	On what date(s) was the instruction(s) given?	342
Defendants	Pick List	At what location(s) was the instruction(s) given?	341
Defendants	Pick list	Which of DF's agents gave such instruction(s)?	340
Defendants	Yes/No	Did DF give instruction(s) on proper use and maintenance of respiratory equipment?	339
Defendants	Pick list	At what location(s) at WTC site did DF distribute respiratory PPE?	338
Defendants		What type(s) of respiratory PPE did DF distribute to its employees who worked at WTC?  Pick list	337
Defendants			336
		DID DF PROVIDE RESPIRATORY PPE TO ITS EMPLOYEES?	335
Defendants	Date(s)	On what date(s) was instruction on proper use of PPE (other than respiratory) given?	334
Defendants	Yes/No	Was instruction given on proper use of PPE (other than respiratory) (donning on/off, etc.)?	333
Defendants	Pick list	At what locations did DF distribute PPE (other than respiratory) to its employees?	332
Defendants	Pick list	If so, what type(s) of nonrespiratory PPE?	331
Defendants	Yes/No	Did DF provide PPE (other than respiratory) to its employees?	330
		DID DF PROVIDE PPE (OTHER THAN RESPIRATORY PPE) TO ITS EMPLOYEES?	329
Defendants	Yes/No	Was a declaratory judgment action filed against the carrier with respect to this litigation?	328
Defendants	Pick list	What is/was the stated basis of the communication from the insurer that purported to disclaim or purported to reserve rights with respect to plaintiffs in this litigation?	327
Defendants	Date(s)	What was the date(s) of the communication from the insurer that purported to reserve rights with respect to plaintiffs in this litigation?	326
Defendants	Yes/No/Unkn Defendants	Was there a communication from the insurer that purported to reserve rights with respect to plaintiffs in this litigation?	325
Defendants	Date(s)	What was the date(s) of the communication from the insurer purporting to disclaim with respect to any plaintiffs in this litigation?	324
Defendants	Yes/No/Unkn Defendants	Was there a communication from the insurer that purported to disclaim with respect to any plaintiffs in this litigation?	323
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Defendants	Date(s)	On what date(s) was DF informed of the environmental conditions at the WTC site?	362
Defendants	Pick List	Who informed DF of the environmental conditions at the WTC site?	361
Defendants	Pick List	How was DF informed of the environmental conditions at the WTC site?	360
Defendants	Yes/No	Did anyone ever inform DF of the environmental conditions at the WTC site on or following September 11, 2001?	359
Defendants	Yes/No	Did DF document employee discipline in any manner for failing to wear respiratory protection or work related to the collapse of the WTC?	358
Defendants	Date(s)	On what date(s) were employees disciplined for failing to wear respiratory protection for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	357
Defendants	Pick List	How did DF discipline its employees for failing to wear respiratory protection for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	356
Defendants	Text	Which employee(s) did DF discipline for failing to wear respiratory protection for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	355
Defendants	Yes/No	Did DF discipline its employees at any time, in any manner for failing to wear respiratory protection for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	354
Defendants	Pick List	Who required the use of respiratory protection for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	353
Defendants	Date(s)	On what date(s) did DF require the use of respiratory protection for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	352
Defendants	Pick List	What type of respiratory protection did DF generally require for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	351
Defendants	Yes/No	Did DF require its employees to use respiratory protection for work related to the collapse of the WTC site?	350
Plaintiff	Date(s)	On what date(s) was information regarding the need for and/or consequences of not wearing respirators given to PE for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	349
Plaintiff	Pick list	Who gave PE information regarding the need for and/or consequences of not wearing respirators for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	348
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Did PE receive information about the need for and/or consequences of not wearing respirators for work related to the collapse of the WTC?	347
Plaintiff	Date(s)	On what date(s) was/were the qualitative respirator fit test(s) given to plaintiff?	346
Plaintiff	Yes/No	Did PE receive a qualitative respirator fit test?	345
Defendants	Pick List	How frequently did DF provide cartridges for respiratory PPE?	344
Who Populates	Data Type	Data Element	Field#

		DF receive?	
Defendants	Pick List	What instructions concerning PPE use for work related to the collapse of the WTC did	368
		collapse of the WTC?	
Defendants	Date(s)	On what date(s) did DF receive instructions concerning PPE use for work related to the	367
		related to the collapse of the WTC?	
Defendants	Pick List	What was the source of the instructions DF received concerning PPE use for work	366
Defendants	Pick List	How were instructions on PPE given to the DF?	365
		the collapse of the WTC?	
Defendants	Yes/No	Did DF receive any instructions from any source concerning PPE use for work related to Yes/No	364
		following September 11, 2001?	
Defendants	Pick List	What information did DF receive about the environmental conditions at the WTC site	363
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# **ATTACHMENT 2**

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER SITE LITIGATION	x : : :	ORDER AMENDING CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 8
ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, U.S.D.J.:	: : x	21 MC 100 (AKH)

Negotiations have concluded between the parties and Special Masters regarding the form and substance of the Discovery Database, and I approve the resulting final version. I issue this order amending Case Management Order No. 8 to reflect certain

modifications and to order into effect this most recent version of the Database.*

I have heard and considered recommendations, including those presented at the December 10, 2008 Status Conference, from the parties and the Special Masters regarding the case management plan in this matter. I order that the protocol outlined below, and illustrated in the attached schedule (Attachment 1), shall regulate the onward progression of these cases towards final resolution.

- 1. Divide the aggregate number of plaintiffs into five groups.
  - A. Group A: Cases with case index numbers 1 2000
  - B. Group B: Cases with case index numbers 2001 4000
  - C. Group C: Cases with case index numbers 4001 6000
  - D. Group D: Cases with case index numbers 6001 8000
  - E. Group E: Cases with case index numbers 8001 (highest index #)
- 2. Forty days after the onset of this process which began on January 1, 2009, the parties must deliver to the Special Masters responses, under oaths of plaintiffs and

I have attached a print-out of the Database (Attachment 2), along with the "pick lists" that appear within certain response fields of the Database, reflecting all acceptable responses to the relevant query (Attachment 3). For the sake of efficiency, I have not included the very lengthy "pick list" used for Database questions 137, 174, 204, and 221 which lists all plaintiffs' doctors. I have also included the Severity Chart (Attachment 4) which parties must complete prior to responding to particular Database fields, as well as the Severity Chart's introductory language (Attachment 5).

defendants, for Group A, in index number sequence, fully and truthfully answering the following set of 35 data entry points ("Severity and Other Fields" or "SOF") from the attached Discovery Database ("Database").

- A. Case profile information (data entry points 2-6)
- B. Duration of exposure at World Trade Center site (data entry points 72 81)
- C. Plaintiff's pre-existing disorders (data entry points 111 117)
- D. Severity of claimed illnesses (data entry points 206 217)
- E. Conditions, injuries, and diseases for which plaintiff seeks recovery (data entry point 134)
- 3. Ten days later (the 50th day), the Special Masters shall identify:
  - A. Group A1: 200 cases selected as most severe from Group A
  - B. Group A2: 25 cases selected from the remainder of Group A
  - C. Group A3: 400 additional cases selected randomly[‡] from the remainder of Group A
  - D. Group A4: All remaining cases within Group A
- 4. Forty days later (the 90th day), the parties shall populate the entire Database for Groups A1 and A2, fully and truthfully answering all data entry points, under oaths of plaintiffs and responding defendants.
- 5. Five days later (the 95th day), plaintiffs' Liason Counsel and defendants' Liason Counsel shall each have identified two Group A1 cases for discovery and trial.
  - A. The parties may make their selection(s) any time after Group A1 is designated.
  - B. Once a case has been selected, discovery will commence promptly and will be permitted on all issues relevant for discovery and trial, including information disclosed in response to database queries.
  - C. The discovery completion date, the final date for filing motions, the date upon which parties will argue motions, and the trial date are fixed in the attached schedule.
- 6. Five days later (the 100th day), the Court will select two additional Group A1 or Group A2 cases for discovery and trial. These two cases will also proceed through discovery and trial as set out in "Step 5 A-E."
- 7. Eighty days after database completion is required for Groups A1 and A2 (the 170th day), entire Database completion is due for Group A3.

[†] There are no specific criteria for this selection. The rationale is to enable various types of cases to be chosen for discovery and trial.

[‡] A computer program will perform the random selection.

- 8. Five days later (the 175th day), plaintiffs' Liason Counsel and defendants' Liason Counsel shall each have identified two Group A3 cases for discovery only.
- 9. Five days later (the 180th day), the Court will select two additional A3 cases for discovery only.
- 10. The protocol in Steps 2 through 9 shall be repeated for Groups B through E. Each Group will begin this process 40 days after the previous Group begins.
- 11. The entire Database will be completed for Groups A4, B4, C4, D4, and E4 on or before January 1, 2011.
- 12. The onset date ("Day 1" for purposes of the attached schedule) is January 1, 2009. Weekends and legal holidays are included even when set time periods are brief.
- 13. If a case chosen for discovery settles significantly prior to the date upon which discovery must conclude, plaintiffs or defendants may ask the Court to substitute another case from the same subgroup.
- 14. Database Fields 313 328 (relating to insurance information) will be populated by defendants' Liaison Counsel, fully and truthfully, under oaths by February 27, 2009.

SO ORDERED.

Date:

February 3, 2009 New York, New York

> ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN United States District Judge

# **ATTACHMENT 3**

<u> </u>		DAY	40	50	80	90	95	100	120	130	135	140	160	170
	A1	200 cases ranked most severe		Special Masters have determined 200 cases		Completed Database on A1	Each Party has chosen 2 cases for discovery and trial from A1.	Court to choose 2 more cases from A1 and/or A2 for						
Group A (Index #s: 1-2000)	A2	25 selected cases	Severity and Other Fields	ranked most severe (A1); selected a set of 25 additional		Completed Database on A2		discovery and trial.						
Group A (Inc	A3	400 randomly selected cases	Finished for Group A	cases (A2); and selected a set of 400 additional cases at random (A3). Remaining cases are in Group A4.										Completed Database on A3
	A4	remaining cases												
	B1	200 cases ranked most severe				Special Masters have determined 200 cases ranked most				Completed Database on B1	Each Party has chosen 2 cases for discovery and trial from B1.	Court to choose 2 more cases from B1 and/or B2 for		
#s: 2001-4000	B2	25 selected cases			Severity and Other Fields	severe (B1); selected a set of 25 additional				Completed Database on B2		discovery and trial.		
Group B (Index #s: 2001-4000)	83	400 randomly selected cases			Finished for Group B	cases (B2); and selected a set of 400 additional cases at random (B3). Remaining cases are in Group B4.								
	B4	remaining cases				Stoup D1.								
10)	CI	200 cases ranked most severe								Special Masters have determined 200 cases ranked most				Completed Database on C1

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#s: 4001-600	CJ	25 selected cases	severe (C1); Severity selected a and Other set of 25 Fields additional		Completed Database on C2
Group C (Index #s: 4001-600	$\mathbf{c}$	400 randomly selected cases	Finished for Group  C ases (C2); and selected a set of 400 additional cases at random (C3).  Remaining cases are in Group C4.		
	C4	remaining cases	Cloup C4.		
	DI	200 cases ranked most severe			Special Masters have determined 200 cases ranked most
4s: 6001-8000	D2	25 selected cases		Severity and Other	severe (D1); selected a set of 25 additional
Group D (Index #s: 6001-8000)	D3	400 randomly selected cases		Fields Finished for Group D	cases (D2); and selected a set of 400 additional cases at random (D3). Remaining cases are in
	D4	remaining cases			Group D4.
6	EI	200 cases ranked most severe			
#s: 8001-enc	E2	25 selected cases			
Group E (Index #s: 8001-end)	E3	400 randomly selected cases			
	E4	remaining			

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Each Party has chosen 2 cases for discovery and trial	Court to choose 2 more cases from												
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						Completed Database on C3	Each Party has chosen 2 cases for discovery from C3.	Court to choose 2 cases for discovery from C3.					
			Completed Database on D1	Each Party has chosen 2 cases for discovery and trial from D1.	Court to choose 2 more cases from D1 and/or D2								
	_		Completed Database on D2	-	for discovery and trial.								
									Completed Database on D3	Each Party has chosen 2 cases for discovery from D3.	Court to choose 2 more cases from D3.		
			Special Masters have determined 200 cases			Completed Database on E1	Each Party has chosen 2 cases for discovery and trial from E1.	Court to choose 2 more cases from E1 and/or E2 for					
		Severity and Other Fields	ranked most severe (E1); selected a set of 25 additional			Completed Database on E2		discovery and trial.					
		Finished	cases (E2); and selected a set of 400 additional cases at random (E3). Remaining cases are in Group E4.										Completed Database on E3
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Each Party has chosen 2 cases for discovery from E3.	Court to choose 2 cases for discovery from E3.								Discovery is concluded					
														Completed Database on E4

# **ATTACHMENT 4**

# CHART ONE: SEVERITY CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN DISEASE CATEGORIES FOR CLAIMS INVOLVING CURRENT IMPAIRMENT LOWER RESPIRATORY DISEASES

DISEASE	FOUR	THREE	TWO	ONE	ZERO
Chronic for bronchitis/COPD Dys	Satisties AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Purmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4), Class 4: "objective tests" row only	Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rafting Impairment Due to Pulmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4), Class 3 "objective tests" row only	Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Polmonary.  Dystunction (Table 5-4), Class 2: "objective tests" row only	Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Pulmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4) Class 1. "objective tests" row only	Satisfies AMA Critera for Rating impairment Due to Pulmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4) Class 0: "objective tests row only

S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	Interstitial Lung			DISEASE
FVC < 50%	FEV1/FVC >70%; and	TLC <50%;	Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:	FOUR
FVC 50-59%	FEV1/FVC > 70%; and	TLC 50-59%;	Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:	THREE
FVC 60-69%	FEV1/FVC > 70%; and	TLC 60-69%;	Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:	TWO
FVC 70-79%	FEV1/FVC > 70%; and	TLC 70-79%;	Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating	ONE
FVC > 80%	FEV1/FVC > 70%; and	TLC > 80%;	Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:	ZERO

Asthma Reactive Airways Dysfunction Syndrome (RADS)	DISEASE
Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class V (not controlled despite maximal treatment) or AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 4	FOUR
Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class IV (score of 10 or 11) or AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 3	THREE
Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class III (score of 7 to 9) or AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 2	TWO
Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class I or II (score of 1 to 6) or AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 1	ONE
Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class 0 (score of zero) or AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 0	ZERO

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# CHART ONE: SEVERITY CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN DISEASE CATEGORIES FOR CLAIMS INVOLVING CURRENT IMPAIRMENT **UPPER RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

Chronic Rhinosinusitis	DISEASE	Laryngitis or Pharyngitis	DISEASE
Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 4: "diagnostic or other objective findings" row only.	FOUR	Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Volce and Speech Impairment (Table 11-8) Class 4	FOUR
Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 3: "diagnostic or other objective findings" row only.	THREE	Satisfies AMA Criteria Due to Voice and Speech Impairment, (Table 14-8), Class 3	THREE
Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 2: "diagnostic or other objective findings" row only.	TWO	Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impaliment bhie to Voice and Speech Impaliment (Table 11-8), Class 2	TWO
Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 1: "diagnostic or other objective findings" row only.	ONE	Satisfies AMA Critetia for Rating Impairment Due to Volce and Speech Impairment (Table 11-8) Class 1	ONE
Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 0: "diagnostic or other objective findings" row only.	ZERO	Satisfies ANA/Griteria for Kating Impaliment (Bue to Voice and Speech Impaliment (Flade (148), Class (	ZERO

### Esophagitis and Gi stricture Barrett's Esophagus reflux disease Gastroesophageal CHART ONE: SEVERITY CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN DISEASE CATEGORIES FOR CLAIMS INVOLVING CURRENT IMPAIRMENT DISEASE Endoscopy reveals severe findings such as Barrett's Esophagus. severe esophagitis esophageal stricture, ulcers, hemorrhage, or benign peptic TWO esophagitis, erosions, mucosal breaks such as inflammation, mild/moderate findings Endoscopy reveals **UPPER DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES** ONE taken. Daily medication ZERO

# ATTACHMENT 5

### **Introduction to Severity Charts**

Chart One ranks the relative severities of current physical impairments of WTC plaintiffs who claim to suffer from certain enumerated diseases. It ranks severities only within each enumerated disease category, and does not compare or rank severities across the disease categories for which rankings are provided. Thus, for example, while a rank-four emphysema impairment claim is more severe than a rank-three emphysema claim, it may or may not be more severe – measured by negative impacts on the plaintiff – than a rank-three asthma claim.

Comparisons across disease categories are left to a later date. Chart One relies on clearly stated criteria that do not make cross-disease comparisons.

Chart One does not purport to test the factual accuracy of plaintiffs' assertions that they suffer from particular diseases or, for that matter, that those diseases were caused or aggravated by exposures to WTC conditions. For example, Chart One does not require, as do the relevant AMA guidelines, plaintiffs to show they have been examined and diagnosed by a qualified physician. This information will be included in the database. To succeed with a claim for which Chart One provides relative rankings of severity of current impairment, a plaintiff will be required to satisfy proof requirements on all elements of traditional tort claims.

Chart One does not purport, even within the enumerated disease categories, to measure the relative monetary values of claims. To be sure, relative severity of impairment is a relevant consideration to monetary value; but so also are other considerations not included in the chart. Indeed, claims that do not qualify for an impairment ranking in Chart One may have significant monetary value. It also follows that the "Zero" column on Chart One does not necessarily connote claims that have no value, but rather refers to claims that currently do not satisfy the

criteria for an impairment ranking of "One" or higher.

Chart Two deals with claims that do not currently satisfy the criteria applied in Chart One for ranking impairment. When impairments that satisfied Chart One criteria are alleged to have existed previously but have subsequently been completely resolved, the previous impairment will be ranked according to the criteria in Chart One even though such impairment is not current within the terms employed in Chart One. Thus, a plaintiff who previously suffered from a relatively severe impairment that has been completely resolved and thereby eliminated (by medication, or otherwise), may have a valuable tort claim even though the plaintiff's claim does not belong on Chart One. For example, a patient suffering from GERD who underwent anatomy-altering surgery leaving no residual impairment may be entitled to damages reflecting that reality. In cases involving partial resolutions of previous, higher-level impairments, any residual, post-resolution impairment will be treated as a separate claim for impairment under Chart One.

Chart Three asserts that claims for impairments based on diseases enumerated in Chart

One for which the tests referred to in Chart one have not been performed will not be ranked for severity.

# CHART TWO: CLAIMS FOR IMPAIRMENTS REFERRED TO IN CHART ONE THAT OCCURRED PREVIOUSLY, BUT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED

- I. Previous impairments under Chart One that have been resolved completely will be ranked by impairment severity levels under Chart One reached before resolution.
- II. Regarding previous impairments under Chart One that have been resolved partially, leaving current residual impairments under Chart One:
  - A. Previous impairments will be ranked by impairment severity levels under Chart

    One reached before partial resolution.
  - B. Current residual impairments will be ranked by impairment severity levels under Chart One.

# CHART THREE: CLAIMS FOR IMPAIRMENTS REFERRED TO IN CHART ONE THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY TESTS DESCRIBED IN CHART ONE

Claimed impairments referred to in Chart One for which the tests for impairment described in Chart One have not been performed, whether or not otherwise valid for recovery purposes, will not be ranked for severity.